

# ON NORMAL FORMS OF SINGULAR LEVI-FLAT REAL ANALYTIC HYPERSURFACES

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $F(z) = \operatorname{Re}(P(z)) + h.o.t$  be such that  $M = (F = 0)$  defines a germ of real analytic Levi-flat at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , where  $P(z)$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $k$  with an isolated singularity at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and Milnor number  $\mu$ . We prove that there exists a holomorphic change of coordinate  $\phi$  such that  $\phi(M) = (\operatorname{Re}(h) = 0)$ , where  $h(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $\mu + 1$  and  $j_0^k(h) = P$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF THE RESULTS

Let  $M$  be a germ at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  of a real codimension one irreducible analytic set. For the sake of simplicity we will denote germs and representative of germs by the same letter. Since  $M$  is real analytic of codimension one and irreducible, it can be defined in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  by  $(F = 0)$ , where  $F$  is an irreducible germ of real analytic function. The singular set of  $M$  is defined by  $\operatorname{sing}(M) = (F = 0) \cap (dF = 0)$  and its smooth part  $(F = 0) \setminus (dF = 0)$  will be denoted by  $M^*$ . The Levi distribution  $L$  on  $M^*$  is defined by  $L_p := \ker(\partial F(p)) \subset T_p M^* = \ker(dF(p))$ , for any  $p \in M^*$ .

**Definition 1.1.** We say  $M$  is Levi-flat if the Levi distribution on  $M^*$  is integrable.

**Remark 1.2.** The integrability condition of  $L$  implies that  $M^*$  is tangent to a real codimension one foliation  $\mathcal{L}$ . Since the hyperplanes  $L_p$ ,  $p \in M^*$ , are complex, the leaves of  $\mathcal{L}$  are complex codimension one holomorphic submanifolds immersed on  $M^*$ .

**Remark 1.3.** If the hypersurface  $M$  is defined by  $(F = 0)$  then the Levi distribution  $L$  on  $M$  can be defined by the real analytic 1-form  $\eta = i(\partial F - \bar{\partial} F)$ , which will be called the Levi 1-form of  $F$ . The integrability condition is equivalent to  $(\partial F - \bar{\partial} F) \wedge \partial \bar{\partial} F|_{M^*} = 0$

In the case of a real analytic smooth Levi-flat hypersurface  $M$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , its local structure is very well understood, according to E. Cartan, around each  $p \in M$  we can find local holomorphic coordinates  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  such that  $M = \{\operatorname{Re}(z_1) = 0\}$ .

More recently D. Burns and X. Gong [B-G] have proved an analogous result in the case  $M = F^{-1}(0)$  Levi-flat, where  $F : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, 0)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , is a germ of real analytic function such that

$$F(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \operatorname{Re}(z_1^2 + \dots + z_n^2) + h.o.t.$$

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They show that there exists a germ of biholomorphism  $\phi : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  such that  $\phi(M) = (\mathcal{R}e(z_1^2 + \dots + z_n^2) = 0)$ .

In [C-L], the authors prove the above result by using the theory of holomorphic foliations. In this paper we are interested in finding similar normal forms in a situation more general. Our main result is the following:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $M = F^{-1}(0)$ , where  $F : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, 0)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , be a germ of irreducible real analytic function such that*

- (1)  $F(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \mathcal{R}e(P(z_1, \dots, z_n)) + h.o.t$ , where  $P$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $k$  with an isolated singularity at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .
- (2) The Milnor number of  $P$  at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is  $\mu$ .
- (3)  $M$  is Levi-flat.

*Then there exists a germ of biholomorphism  $\phi : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  such that  $\phi(M) = (\mathcal{R}e(h) = 0)$ , where  $h(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $\mu + 1$  and  $j_0^k(h) = P$ .*

**Remark 1.4.** In particular, we obtain the result of [B-G].

**Theorem 2.** *In the same spirit we have the following generalization: Let  $M = F^{-1}(0)$ , where  $F : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, 0)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , be a germ of irreducible real analytic function such that*

- (1)  $F(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \mathcal{R}e(Q(z_1, \dots, z_n)) + h.o.t$ , where  $Q$  is a quasihomogeneous polynomial of degree  $d$  with an isolated singularity at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .
- (2)  $M$  is Levi-flat.

*Then there exists a germ of biholomorphism  $\phi : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  such that*

$$\phi(M) = (\mathcal{R}e(Q(z) + \sum_j c_j e_j(z)) = 0),$$

*where  $e_1, \dots, e_s$  are the elements of the monomial basis of the local algebra of  $Q$  such that  $\deg(e_j) > d$  and  $c_j \in \mathbb{C}$ .*

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let us fix some notations that will be used from now on.

- (1)  $\mathcal{O}_n$  : The ring of germs of holomorphic functions at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .  
 $\mathcal{O}(U)$  = set of holomorphic functions in the open set  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{O}_n^* = \{f \in \mathcal{O}_n / f(0) \neq 0\}$ .  
 $\mathcal{O}^*(U) = \{f \in \mathcal{O}(U) / f(z) \neq 0, \forall z \in U\}$ .
- (3)  $\mathcal{M}_n = \{f \in \mathcal{O}_n / f(0) = 0\}$  maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_n$ .
- (4)  $\mathcal{A}_n$  : The ring of germs at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  of complex valued real analytic functions.
- (5)  $\mathcal{A}_{n\mathbb{R}}$  : The ring of germs at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  of real valued real analytic functions. Note that  $F \in \mathcal{A}_n$  is in  $\mathcal{A}_{n\mathbb{R}}$  if and only if  $F = \bar{F}$ .
- (6)  $\text{Diff}(\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  : The group of germs at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  of holomorphic diffeomorphisms  $f : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  with the operation of composition.
- (7)  $j_0^k(f)$  : The  $k$ -jet at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  of  $f \in \mathcal{O}_n$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Two germs  $f, g \in \mathcal{O}_n$  are said to be right equivalent, if there exists  $\phi \in \text{Diff}(\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  such that  $f \circ \phi^{-1} = g$ .

The local algebra of  $f \in \mathcal{O}_n$  is by definition

$$A_f = \mathcal{O}_n / (\partial f / \partial z_1, \dots, \partial f / \partial z_n).$$

**Definition 2.2.** Define by  $\mu(f, 0) := \dim A_f$ , the Milnor number of  $f$  at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

Morse Lemma can now be rephrased by saying that if  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is an isolated singularity of  $f$  with Milnor number  $\mu(f, 0) = 1$  then  $f$  is right equivalent to its second jet. The next lemma is a generalization of Morse's Lemma. We refer to [A-G-V], pg.121.

**Lemma 2.3.** Suppose  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is an isolated singularity of  $f \in \mathcal{M}_n$  with Milnor number  $\mu$ . Then  $f$  is right equivalent to  $j_0^{\mu+1}(f)$ .

**2.1. The complexification.** In this section we state some general facts about complexification of germs of real analytic functions.

Given  $F \in \mathcal{A}_n$ ; we can write its Taylor series at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  as

$$(2.1) \quad F(z) = \sum_{\mu, \nu} F_{\mu\nu} z^\mu \bar{z}^\nu,$$

where  $F_{\mu\nu} \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$ ,  $\nu = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n)$ ,  $z^\mu = z_1^{\mu_1} \dots z_n^{\mu_n}$ ,  $\bar{z}^\nu = \bar{z}_1^{\nu_1} \dots \bar{z}_n^{\nu_n}$ . When  $F \in \mathcal{A}_{n\mathbb{R}}$  then the coefficients  $F_{\mu\nu}$  satisfy

$$\bar{F}_{\mu\nu} = F_{\nu\mu}.$$

The complexification  $F_{\mathbb{C}} \in \mathcal{O}_{2n}$  of  $F$  is defined by the series

$$(2.2) \quad F_{\mathbb{C}}(z, w) = \sum_{\mu, \nu} F_{\mu\nu} z^\mu w^\nu.$$

If  $F \in \mathcal{A}_{n\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $F(0) = 0$  and  $M = F^{-1}(0)$  defines a Levi-flat, the complexification  $\eta_{\mathbb{C}}$  of its Levi 1-form  $\eta = i(\partial F - \bar{\partial} F)$  can be written as

$$\eta_{\mathbb{C}} = i(\partial_z F_{\mathbb{C}} - \partial_w F_{\mathbb{C}}) = i \sum_{\mu, \nu} (F_{\mu\nu} w^\nu d(z^\mu) - F_{\mu\nu} z^\mu d(w^\nu)).$$

The complexification  $M_{\mathbb{C}}$  of  $M$  is defined as  $M_{\mathbb{C}} = F_{\mathbb{C}}^{-1}(0)$  and its smooth part is  $M_{\mathbb{C}}^* = M_{\mathbb{C}} \setminus (dF_{\mathbb{C}} = 0)$ . The integrability condition of  $\eta = i(\partial F - \bar{\partial} F)|_{M^*}$  implies that  $\eta_{\mathbb{C}}|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*}$  is integrable. Therefore  $\eta_{\mathbb{C}}|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*} = 0$  defines a foliation  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}$  on  $M_{\mathbb{C}}^*$  that will be called the complexification of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Definition 2.4.** The algebraic dimension of  $\text{sing}(M)$  is the complex dimension of the singular set of  $M_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

Consider a germ at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$  of real analytic Levi-flat  $M = (F = 0)$ , where  $F$  is irreducible in  $\mathcal{A}_{2\mathbb{R}}$ . Let  $F_{\mathbb{C}}$ ,  $M_{\mathbb{C}} = (F_{\mathbb{C}} = 0) \subset (\mathbb{C}^4, 0)$  and  $M_{\mathbb{C}}^*$  be as before. We will assume that the power series that defines  $F_{\mathbb{C}}$  converges in a neighborhood of  $\bar{\Delta} = \{(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^4 / |z|, |w| \leq 1\}$ , so that  $F_{\mathbb{C}}(z, \bar{z}) = F(z)$  for all  $|z| \leq 1$ .

Let  $V := M_{\mathbb{C}}^* \setminus \text{sing}(\eta_{\mathbb{C}}|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*})$  and denote  $L_p$  the leaf of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}$  through  $p$ , where  $p \in V$ . In this situation we have the following important Lemma of [C-L].

**Lemma 2.5.** *In the above situation, for any  $p = (z_0, w_0) \in V$  the leaf  $L_p$  is closed in  $M_{\mathbb{C}}^*$ .*

In the proof of theorem 1 we will use the following result of [C-L].

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $M = F^{-1}(0)$  be a germ of an irreducible real analytic Levi-flat hypersurface at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , with Levi 1-form  $\eta = i(\partial F - \bar{\partial} F)$ . Assume that the algebraic dimension of  $\text{sing}(M) \leq 2n - 4$ . Then there exists a unique germ at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  of holomorphic codimension one foliation  $\mathcal{F}_M$  tangent to  $M$ , if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:*

- (1)  $n \geq 3$  and  $\text{cod}_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*}(\text{sing}(\eta_{\mathbb{C}}|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*})) \geq 3$ .
- (2)  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\text{cod}_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*}(\text{sing}(\eta_{\mathbb{C}}|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*})) \geq 2$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}$  has a non-constant holomorphic first integral.

Moreover, in both cases the foliation  $\mathcal{F}_M$  has a non-constant holomorphic first integral  $f$  such that  $M = (\text{Re}(f) = 0)$ .

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

Let  $M = F^{-1}(0) \subset (\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  be a Levi-flat, where  $F(z) = \text{Re}(P(z)) + h.o.t$  with  $P$  be a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $k \geq 2$  with an isolated singularity at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and Milnor number  $\mu$ . We want to prove that there exists  $\phi \in \text{Diff}(\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  such that  $\phi(M) = (\text{Re}(h) = 0)$ , where  $h$  is a polynomial of degree  $\mu + 1$ .

The idea is to use theorem 2.6 to prove that there exists a germ  $f \in \mathcal{O}_n$  such that the foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  defined by  $df = 0$  is tangent to  $M$  and  $M = (\text{Re}(f) = 0)$ . The foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  can be viewed as an extension to a neighborhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  of the Levi foliation  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $M^*$ .

Suppose for a moment that  $M = (\text{Re}(f) = 0)$  and let us conclude the proof. Without loss of generality, we can suppose that  $f$  is not a power in  $\mathcal{O}_n$ . In this case  $\text{Re}(f)$  is irreducible (cf. [C-L]). This implies that  $\text{Re}(f) = U.F$ , where  $U \in \mathcal{A}_{n\mathbb{R}}$  and  $U(0) \neq 0$ . Let  $\sum_{j \geq k} f_j$  be the Taylor series of  $f$ , where  $f_j$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $j$ ,  $j \geq k$ . Then

$$\text{Re}(f_k) = j_0^k(\text{Re}(f)) = j_0^k(U.F) = U(0).\text{Re}(P(z_1, \dots, z_n)).$$

Hence  $f_k(z_1, \dots, z_n) = U(0).P(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ . We can suppose that  $U(0) = 1$ , so that

$$(3.1) \quad f(z) = P(z) + h.o.t$$

In particular,  $\mu = \mu(f, 0) = \mu(P, 0)$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{M}_n$ , because  $P$  has isolated singularity at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Hence by lemma 2.3,  $f$  is right equivalent to  $j_0^{\mu+1}(f)$ , i.e. there exists  $\phi \in \text{Diff}(\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  such that  $h := f \circ \phi^{-1} = j_0^{\mu+1}(f)$ . Therefore,  $\phi(M) = (\text{Re}(h) = 0)$  and this will conclude the proof of theorem 1.

Let us prove that we can apply theorem 2.6. We can write

$$F(z) = \text{Re}(P(z_1, \dots, z_n)) + H(z_1, \dots, z_n),$$

where  $H : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, 0)$  is a germ of real-analytic function and  $j_0^k(H) = 0$ . For simplicity, we assume that  $P$  has real coefficients. Then we get the complexification

$$F_{\mathbb{C}}(z, w) = \frac{1}{2}(P(z) + P(w)) + H_{\mathbb{C}}(z, w)$$

and  $M_{\mathbb{C}} = F_{\mathbb{C}}^{-1}(0) \subset (\mathbb{C}^{2n}, 0)$ . In the general case, replacing  $P(w) = \sum a_j w^j$  by  $\tilde{P}(w) = \sum \tilde{a}_j w^j$ , we will recover each step of proof.

Since  $P(z)$  has an isolated singularity at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , we get  $\text{sing}(M_{\mathbb{C}}) = \{0\}$ , and so the algebraic dimension of  $\text{sing}(M)$  is 0. On other hand, the complexification of  $\eta = i(\partial F - \bar{\partial} F)$  is

$$\eta_{\mathbb{C}} = i(\partial_z F_{\mathbb{C}} - \partial_w F_{\mathbb{C}}).$$

Recall that  $\eta|_{M^*}$  and  $\eta_{\mathbb{C}}|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*}$  define  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Now we compute  $\text{sing}(\eta_{\mathbb{C}}|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*})$ . We can write  $dF_{\mathbb{C}} = \alpha + \beta$ , with

$$\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial F_{\mathbb{C}}}{\partial z_j} dz_j := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial z_j}(z) + A_j \right) dz_j$$

and

$$\beta = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial F_{\mathbb{C}}}{\partial w_j} dw_j := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial w_j}(w) + B_j \right) dw_j,$$

where  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n A_j dz_j = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial H_{\mathbb{C}}}{\partial z_j} dz_j$  and  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n B_j dw_j = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial H_{\mathbb{C}}}{\partial w_j} dw_j$ .

Then  $\eta_{\mathbb{C}} = i(\alpha - \beta)$ , and so

$$(3.2) \quad \eta_{\mathbb{C}}|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*} = (\eta_{\mathbb{C}} + idF_{\mathbb{C}})|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*} = 2i\alpha|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*} = -2i\beta|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*}.$$

In particular,  $\alpha|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*}$  and  $\beta|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*}$  define  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Therefore  $\text{sing}(\eta_{\mathbb{C}}|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*})$  can be splitted in two parts. Let  $M_1 = \{(z, w) \in M_{\mathbb{C}} | \frac{\partial F_{\mathbb{C}}}{\partial w_j} \neq 0 \text{ for some } j = 1, \dots, n\}$  and  $M_2 = \{(z, w) \in M_{\mathbb{C}} | \frac{\partial F_{\mathbb{C}}}{\partial z_j} \neq 0 \text{ for some } j = 1, \dots, n\}$ , note that  $M_{\mathbb{C}} = M_1 \cup M_2$ ; if we denote by

$$X_1 := M_1 \cap \left\{ \frac{\partial P}{\partial z_1}(z) + A_1 = \dots = \frac{\partial P}{\partial z_n}(z) + A_n = 0 \right\}$$

and

$$X_2 := M_2 \cap \left\{ \frac{\partial P}{\partial w_1}(w) + B_1 = \dots = \frac{\partial P}{\partial w_n}(w) + B_n = 0 \right\},$$

then  $\text{sing}(\eta_{\mathbb{C}}|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*}) = X_1 \cup X_2$ . Since  $P \in \mathbb{C}[z_1, \dots, z_n]$  has an isolated singularity at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , we conclude that  $\text{cod}_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*} \text{sing}(\eta_{\mathbb{C}}|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*}) = n$ .

If  $n \geq 3$ , we can directly apply Theorem 2.6 and the proof ends. In the case  $n = 2$ , we are going to prove that  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}$  has a non-constant holomorphic first integral.

We begin by a blow-up at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^4$ . Let  $F(x, y) = \text{Re}(P(x, y)) + h.o.t$  and  $M = F^{-1}(0)$  Levi-flat. Its complexification can be written as

$$F_{\mathbb{C}}(x, y, z, w) = \frac{1}{2}P(x, y) + \frac{1}{2}P(z, w) + H_{\mathbb{C}}(x, y, z, w).$$

We take the exceptional divisor  $D = \mathbb{P}^3$  of the blow-up  $\pi : (\tilde{\mathbb{C}}^4, \mathbb{P}^3) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^4, 0)$  with homogeneous coordinates  $[a : b : c : d]$ ,  $(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{C}^4 \setminus \{0\}$ . The intersection of the strict transform  $\tilde{M}_{\mathbb{C}}$  of  $M_{\mathbb{C}}$  by  $\pi$  with the divisor  $D = \mathbb{P}^3$  is the surface

$$Q = \{[a : b : c : d] \in \mathbb{P}^3 / P(a, b) + P(c, d) = 0\},$$

which is an irreducible smooth surface.

Consider for instance the chart  $(W, (t, u, z, v))$  of  $\tilde{\mathbb{C}}^4$  where

$$\pi(t, u, z, v) = (t.z, u.z, z, v.z) = (x, y, z, w).$$

We have

$$F_{\mathbb{C}} \circ \pi(t, u, z, v) = z^k \left( \frac{1}{2} P(t, u) + \frac{1}{2} P(1, v) + z H_1(t, u, z, v) \right),$$

where  $H_1(t, u, z, v) = H(tz, uz, z, vz)/z^{k+1}$ , which implies that

$$\tilde{M}_{\mathbb{C}} \cap W = \left( \frac{1}{2} P(t, u) + \frac{1}{2} P(1, v) + z H_1(t, u, z, v) = 0 \right)$$

and so  $Q \cap W = (z = P(t, u) + P(1, v) = 0)$ .

On the other hand, as we have seen in (3.2), the foliation  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}$  is defined by  $\alpha|_{M_{\mathbb{C}}^*} = 0$ , where

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} dx + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial H_{\mathbb{C}}}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial H_{\mathbb{C}}}{\partial y} dy.$$

In particular, we get

$$\pi^*(\alpha) = z^{k-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}(t, u) z dt + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}(t, u) z du + \frac{1}{2} k P(t, u) dz + z \theta \right),$$

where  $\theta = \pi^* \left( \frac{\partial H_{\mathbb{C}}}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial H_{\mathbb{C}}}{\partial y} dy \right) / z^k$ .

Hence,  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\mathbb{C}}$  is defined by

$$(3.3) \quad \alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}(t, u) z dt + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}(t, u) z du + \frac{1}{2} k P(t, u) dz + z \theta.$$

Since  $Q \cap W = (z = P(t, u) + P(1, v) = 0)$ , we see that  $Q$  is  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\mathbb{C}}$ -invariant. In particular,  $S := Q \setminus \text{sing}(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\mathbb{C}})$  is a leaf of  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Fix  $p_0 \in S$  and a transverse section  $\Sigma$  through  $p_0$ . Let  $G \subset \text{Diff}(\Sigma, p_0)$  be the holonomy group of the leaf  $S$  of  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Since  $\dim(\Sigma) = 1$ , we can think that  $G \subset \text{Diff}(\mathbb{C}, 0)$ . Let us prove that  $G$  is finite and linearizable.

At this part we use that the leaves of  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\mathbb{C}}$  are closed (see lemma 2.5).

Let  $G' = \{f'(0)/f \in G\}$  and consider the homomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$  defined by  $\phi(f) = f'(0)$ . We assert that  $\phi$  is injective. In fact, assume that  $\phi(f) = 1$  and by contradiction that  $f \neq \text{id}$ . In this case  $f(z) = z + a.z^{r+1} + \dots$ , where  $a \neq 0$ . According to [L], the pseudo-orbits of this transformation accumulate at  $0 \in (\Sigma, 0)$ , contradicting that the leaves of  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\mathbb{C}}$  are closed. Now, it suffices to prove that any element  $g \in G$  has finite order (cf. [M-M]). In fact, if  $\phi(g) = g'(0)$  is a root of unity then  $g$  has finite order because  $\phi$  is injective. On the other hand, if  $g'(0)$  was not a root of unity then  $g$  would have pseudo-orbits accumulating at  $0 \in (\Sigma, 0)$  (cf. [L]). Hence, all transformations of  $G$  have finite order and  $G$  is linearizable.

This implies that there is a coordinate system  $w$  on  $(\Sigma, 0)$  such that  $G = \langle w \rightarrow \lambda w \rangle$ , where  $\lambda$  is a  $d^{\text{th}}$ -primitive root of unity (cf. [M-M]). In particular,  $\psi(w) = w^d$  is a first integral of  $G$ , that is  $\psi \circ g = \psi$  for any  $g \in G$ .

Let  $Z$  be the union of the separatrices of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}$  through  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^4$  and  $\tilde{Z}$  be its strict transform under  $\pi$ . The first integral  $\psi$  can be extended to a first integral  $\varphi : \tilde{M}_{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \tilde{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by setting

$$\varphi(p) = \psi(\tilde{L}_p \cap \Sigma),$$

where  $\tilde{L}_p$  denotes the leaf of  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\mathbb{C}}$  through  $p$ . Since  $\psi$  is bounded (in a compact neighborhood of  $0 \in \Sigma$ ), so is  $\varphi$ . It follows from Riemann extension theorem

that  $\varphi$  can be extended holomorphically to  $\tilde{Z}$  with  $\varphi(\tilde{Z}) = 0$ . This provides the first integral and finishes the proof of theorem 1.

#### 4. QUASIHOMOGENEOUS POLYNOMIALS

In this section, we state some general facts about normal forms of quasihomogeneous polynomials.

**Definition 4.1.** The Newton support of germ  $f = \sum a_{ij}x^i y^j$  is defined as  $\text{supp}(f) = \{(i, j) : a_{ij} \neq 0\}$ .

**Definition 4.2.** A holomorphic function  $f : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0)$  is said to be quasihomogeneous of degree  $d$  with indices  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ , if for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , we have

$$f(\lambda^{\alpha_1} z_1, \dots, \lambda^{\alpha_n} z_n) = \lambda^d f(z_1, \dots, z_n).$$

The index  $\alpha_s$  is also called the weight of the variable  $z_s$ .

In the above situation, if  $f = \sum a_k x^k$ ,  $k = (k_1, \dots, k_n)$ ,  $x^k = x_1^{k_1} \dots x_n^{k_n}$ , then  $\text{supp}(f) \subset \Gamma = \{k : a_k k_1 + \dots + a_n k_n = d\}$ . The set  $\Gamma$  is called the diagonal. Usually one takes  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $d = 1$ .

One can define the quasihomogeneous filtration of the ring  $\mathcal{O}_n$ . It consists of the decreasing family of ideals  $\mathcal{A}_d \subset \mathcal{O}_n$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{d'} \subset \mathcal{A}_d$  for  $d < d'$ . Here  $\mathcal{A}_d = \{Q : \text{degrees of monomials from } \text{supp}(Q) \text{ are } \deg(Q) \geq d\}$ ; (the degree is quasihomogeneous).

When  $\alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_n = 1$ , this filtration coincides with the usual filtration by the usual degree.

**Definition 4.3.** A function  $f$  is called semiquasihomogeneous if  $f = Q + F'$ , where  $Q$  is quasihomogeneous of degree  $d$  of finite multiplicity and  $F' \in \mathcal{A}_{d'}$ ,  $d' > d$ .

We will use the following result (cf. [A]).

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $f$  be a semiquasihomogeneous function,  $f = Q + F'$  with quasihomogeneous  $Q$  of finite multiplicity. Then  $f$  is right equivalent to the function  $Q + \sum_j c_j e_j(z)$ , where  $e_1, \dots, e_s$  are the elements of the monomial basis of the local algebra  $A_Q$  such that  $\deg(e_j) > d$  and  $c_j \in \mathbb{C}$ .*

**Example 4.5.** If  $f = Q + F'$  is semiquasihomogeneous and  $Q(x, y) = x^2 y + y^k$ , then  $f$  is right equivalent to  $Q$ . Indeed, the base of the local algebra  $\mathcal{O}_2/(xy, x^2 + ky^{k-1})$  is  $1, x, y, y^2, \dots, y^{k-1}$  and lies below the diagonal  $\Gamma$ . Here  $\mu(Q, 0) = k + 1$ .

#### 5. PROOF OF THEOREM 2

Let  $M = F^{-1}(0)$  be a germ at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$  of real analytic Levi-flat hypersurface, where  $F(z) = \text{Re}(Q(z)) + h.o.t$  and  $Q$  is a quasihomogeneous polynomial of degree  $d$  with an isolated singularity at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . It is easily seen that  $\text{sing}(M_{\mathbb{C}}) = \{0\}$  and  $\text{cod}_{M_{\mathbb{C}}} \text{sing}(\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}) \geq 3$ . The argument is essentially the same of the proof of theorem 1. In this way, there exists an unique germ at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  of holomorphic codimension one foliation  $\mathcal{F}_M$  tangent to  $M$ , moreover  $\mathcal{F}_M$ :  $dh = 0$ ,  $h(z) = Q(z) + h.o.t$  and  $M = (\text{Re}(h) = 0)$ . According

to theorem 4.4, there exists  $\phi \in \text{Diff}(\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  such that  $h \circ \phi^{-1}(w) = Q(w) + \sum_k c_k e_k(w)$ , where  $c_k$  and  $e_k$  as above. Hence

$$\phi(M) = (\mathcal{R}e(Q(w) + \sum_k c_k e_k(w)) = 0).$$

## 6. APPLICATIONS

Here we give some applications of theorem 1.

**Example 6.1.**  $Q(x, y) = x^2y + y^3$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree 3 with an isolated singularity at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$  and Milnor number  $\mu(Q, 0) = 4$ . According to [A-G-V] pg. 184, any germ  $f(x, y) = x^2y + y^3 + h.o.t$  is right equivalent to  $x^2y + y^3$ .

In particular, if  $F(z) = \mathcal{R}e(x^2y + y^3) + h.o.t$  and  $M = (F = 0)$  is a germ of real analytic Levi-flat at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , theorem 1 implies that there exists a holomorphic change of coordinate such that

$$M = (\mathcal{R}e(x^2y + y^3) = 0).$$

**Example 6.2.** If  $Q(x, y) = x^5 + y^5$  then  $f(x, y) = Q(x, y) + h.o.t$  is right equivalent to  $x^5 + y^5 + c.x^3y^3$ , where  $c \neq 0$  is a constant (cf. [A-G-V], pg. 194). Let  $F(z) = \mathcal{R}e(x^5 + y^5) + h.o.t$  be such that  $M = (F = 0)$  is Levi-flat, theorem 1 implies that there exists a holomorphic change of coordinate such that

$$M = (\mathcal{R}e(x^5 + y^5 + c.x^3y^3) = 0).$$

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